

## ABERGAVENNY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025 AT 7PM ON MS TEAMS & IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, TOWN HALL, ABERGAVENNY

**Present:** Cllr G Jones (Chair)  
Cllr M Barnes  
Cllr S Burch  
Cllr J George  
Cllr M Powell  
Cllr D Simcock  
Cllr A Wilde  
Cllr G Wilde

**In attendance:** Sandra Rosser – Principal Officer/RFO  
J Shipley – Deputy Principal Officer/Deputy RFO  
Cllr L Wright  
Stephanie Thomas and Jaime Devine from MIND in  
Gwent  
Head of Housing and Tenancy Supported Living  
Services

PC01/25	<b>Receive and approve apologies for absence.</b> Cllrs Eldridge, Cllr B Nicholson. All Councillors resolved to accept the reasons for absence.
PC02/25	<b>Receive Declarations of Interest.</b> None
PC03/25	<b>To receive and approve the minutes from the last meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024.</b> Cllr G Wilde proposed the minutes from the meeting on 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2024, should be accepted as a true and accurate record, seconded by Cllr Simcock. All councillors resolved to accept this proposal.
PC04/25	<b>To receive an update on neighbourhood policing review:</b> Moved to Policy and Resources Meeting 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
PC05/25	<b>To receive a presentation from Mind in Gwent</b> Stephanie Thomas and colleague Jaime Devine (Head of Housing and Tenancy Supported Living Services) spoke to the work Mind in Gwent does in Abergavenny. MIND are not a statutory service and work to support mental health and well-being. Work closely with

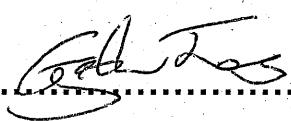
	CAB - legal advice - Food Bank referrals. Two and a half staff offer 1-1 sessions; walk-ins, guided walk and talk sessions; MIND have provided 648 sessions and supported 134 local people March '24 to date. Staff are stable so build confidence and trust with clients. Support Sessions are largely tailored to individual need. MIND can advocate for the person. In last 8 years, in Monmouthshire MIND has helped clients claim £1.6 million in benefits and a further £92k in back benefits. Sadly, there is an escalating demand since Lockdown, to support anxiety and mental health in Youth. MIND's front door is always open. Cllr Jones stated he was proud that Abergavenny Town Council supported MIND.
PC06/25	<b>To receive and note the Principal Officer's update.</b> Received and noted. Cllr Jones offered thanks to staff.
PC07/25	<b>Finance:</b> To receive and approve the budget report for specific budgets allocated to this committee. Report received and noted. Cllr Burch proposed the Finance Report be accepted. Seconded by Cllr G Wilde. All councillors resolved to accept this proposal.
PC08/25	<b>To receive an update on the Events to be held in Abergavenny in 2025</b> Draft timetable of events for 2025 presented. Report and feedback from the Christmas Market presented. Feedback survey extremely positive from stall holders and public. Working with an Events Team promoted the smooth preparation and take down of stalls. Organising committee for future large events may wish to consider having an Events Team on site throughout the day and build in costs. Support to cover ESAG/Road Closures/Waste collection/Security as well as event management.
PC09/25	<b>To receive any updates from Councillors for the Strategy and Action Plan:</b> Points 9,12,14,17,21,22,27,29 in table, updated
PC10/25	<b>To Consider the following Planning Applications:</b> Traffic regulation orders noted. DM/2024/01191 DM/2024/01066 DM/2024/01496 Councillors voted to recommend approval

PC11/25	<p><b>Report from Councillors attendance at external bodies relevant to this Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Abergavenny Community Trust</b> – Cllrs Barnes and G. Wilde: Cllr Barnes nothing to report.</li> <li>• <b>Abergavenny Eisteddfod</b> – Cllrs Simcock and Jones: Children's Eisteddfod 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Date for Adult Eisteddfod: to be announced.</li> <li>• <b>Abergavenny Community Enterprise (ACE)</b> – Cllrs Jones and English: no notification of pending Board meetings.</li> <li>• <b>Mind in Gwent</b> – Cllrs G Wilde and A Wilde – presentation by MIND in Gwent, which speaks to the work they do, delivered this evening.</li> </ul>
PC12/25	<p><b>Report from County Councillors on matters affecting Abergavenny relevant to this Committee:</b></p> <p>Cllr Wright: MCC seeking to approve local artists to paint hoardings at the Richards site to add interest to Frogmore Street.</p>
PC13/25	<p><b>Items for consideration at the next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025.</b></p> <p>1 Review restarting 'Events Meetings' with a view to scheduling one meeting for each quarter so meetings are already diarised.</p> <p>2 To receive presentation from Rebecca Hall MonLife Play and Youth Team to complement reports already received and distributed for meeting 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025.</p>

**Meeting ended at 20:33 pm**

**APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD**

**CHAIR..**



**DATE** .....

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